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AUTHORITIES DISCUSS INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

County Court Changes Methods of Handling Bills and Patients. Contemplated Concessions in The Quarantine Regulations.

A joint meeting of the county and city health boards was held last night at which time the influenza epidemic situation was discussed. The county authorities made known their intention of using other methods of handling the patients and the payment of bills. They will not allow bills in connection with nursing or care of patients in future except as provided in an order made by the court while in session earlier in the week. If a patient is willing to become a county charge and make the necessary application, then the county will be responsible for the care and medicine. Otherwise the patient will pay for the medical care and nursing.

The county authorities signified their willingness to provide the rent of the building occupied by the influenza patients at this time, also the equipment as it is now, but further than this the county did not feel disposed to go.

There was a disposition upon the part of the authorities to make further concessions in the present quarantine restrictions if the situation continues to improve during the next few days. The Times-Herald does not attempt to speak with any authority upon this matter but is told by some of those present at the meeting that it has been considered possible to allow the churches to resume their usual services and this will doubt include lodges, and likely the same ruling will permit the pool hall and soft drink establishments to replace the chairs and permit games of amusements in those places. We understand also this order will permit small gatherings in the private homes. However, this is all dependent upon improved conditions in the situation in the immediate future. Should this prove safe other concessions will follow soon including the opening of the picture house and permitting dancing parties, in fact virtually removing the "flu" ban entirely.

Don't get this matter confused—the Times-Herald is not giving this authority at all. It is just stating what was discussed at the meeting and the possibilities that may follow the conference.

The Sunday School The Hope of The World.

(By the Pastor Presbyterian Church) Mark these words:

If Christianity is the hope of the world—and it is—then let's keep our boys and girls to the front in the Sunday School movement.

If the church is the divinely appointed agency for the extension of Christianity—and it is. If the Sunday School of the church is the training camp—and it is—then remember what Woodrow Wilson, the son of a minister, the great spokesman of the Allies, gave forth in a message in the midst of war: "The Bible is the word of life; beg that you will read it out for yourselves. Read it—not little patches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it. When you have read the Bible you will know it is the word of God, because you will have found the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty."

Then the school of the church, the Bible school, is the hope of the world. Are you willing to pay the price to help make the world better and at peace?

For the peace of the world the Father in Heaven gave His only Son. For the peace of the world the Son of God gave His life.

For the peace of the world the sons of France, of England, of Belgium, of Italy, of America gave their lives.

For the peace of the world—what your gift?

The offering last Sunday for the Sunday School was \$5.15.

Bolshevism must mean the great washed and the great unfed, for food and feed are the panacea against

COUNTY COURT DOINGS.

County court was in session for two days this week. Commissioners Hass and McKinnon both being present as well as Judge Levens. Among other matters taken up were the following:

E. H. Bathrick awarded a contract to maintain the roads in the territory south of Steln's Mountain.

J. L. McMullen given a contract to maintain the county roads in the territory east of Stenching Water Mountains.

F. Klansinger awarded a contract for similar service in the Silver Creek and Wagontire section.

County treasurer directed to transfer money from the rabbit bounty fund to the general fund.

J. W. Biggs appointed attorney for right of way for the Burns-Crane highway and ordered to prepare the necessary papers and start condemnation proceedings at once against all who have not already granted right-of-way.

Action was taken in connection with the influenza epidemic and an order made to not allow further bills for sickness except that first the patient shall become a county charge. This order is printed in full on another page.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

See our stock of stationery first.

Deputy Clerk Roe. Buchanan is on the sick list.

It is necessary to order more or less to fill the demand.

The Burns Flour Milling Co. is preparing to order a car load of wheat seed and asks that farmers turn their orders at the Burns Meat Market that they may see whether

Mrs. Short, a sister to G. W. Clevenger, arrived here from her home in Payette, Idaho, the fore part of the week and is a guest at the Clevenger home. She was accompanied by her son.

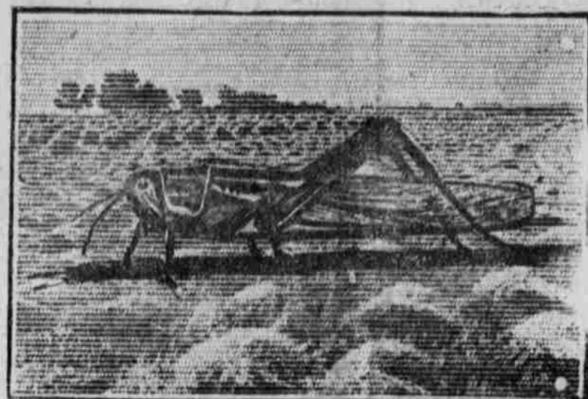
The snow storm of this week has brought joy to the hearts of the people of this country because it has been quite heavy and indicates that we are to have more moisture, therefore better crops.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of this city J. M. Desilets was made an assistant cashier. This is a deserved tribute to an energetic and competent employe of the institution.

The snow has been supplemented with some rain and altogether this has been rather a wet week. It all helps and the crops of next season are sure to profit by the moisture that we are getting now. We must do our part toward keeping the sage rat and rabbit from getting away with what the grasshoppers "don't eat" by taking an active part in their extermination. By poisoning them we can do it with one tenth the cost of a bounty.

H. J. Hansen came home this week from a trip to Grant County where he had been looking after some stock and bringing back some strays that belonged in this vicinity. He says the snow was quite deep at Cold Springs, a few miles above town but as he passed through Bear Valley before the late snow storm he really doesn't know how much has fallen in the high mountains, but it is the opinion of old timers that a good quantity has been laid up in that region to help things materially down in the flats next spring when the run off comes.

Lieut. F. A. Fessler arrived home last Monday evening. He was one of the boys who were disappointed in not having an opportunity to go across and take an active part in the war in France. However, he did all he could and was really in line to go across at once when the armistice was signed. Lieut. Fessler was stationed in a southern training camp and had gained promotion rapidly. He had an opportunity to remain in the army with a commission but after considering the matter and realizing that with the trend of events and the possibility of no real activity for at least a long period, it did not appeal to him and he decided to ask for his discharge that he might return to his former occupation. The young man will identify himself with the business interests of this city where he will be welcomed by his former friends.



Do we keep in mind the serious possibility of the devastation of our country by the grasshoppers again the coming season? We have been informed that their egg deposits have covered a vast area and a recent inspection of some of them by Claude McGee shows them to be fertile. We should be on the ground early with poison and profit by last years' experience by applying it judiciously. The people will take hold of such a campaign much more vigorously now after witnessing the destruction of last season. The same methods applied to the ground squirrels and rabbits will accomplish good results. It did in Idaho—why not here?

J. W. Shown was down from Harney during the week.

Joe Loyd was in town last Monday greeting his old time friends.

The former kaiser appears to be living up to the old adage: "Say nothing and saw wood."

Mrs. A. C. Welcome took her departure last Saturday for Spokane, where she will visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gault for a short time. She will likely visit other points before returning home.

Our soldiers while in this country had probably heard something about the cost of French dresses and millinery. This may have something to do with the fact that few of them have married French girls.

While at the court house this morning the newspaper man noticed a Ford car out near the house in the rear of the block where the scalps of the predatory animals are counted and marked for bounty. The car seemed well filled and caused the curious notion of going out to see how many it contained. It was not much of a day for coyotes either from the manner in which County Clerk Dalton was handling the consignment but it totaled 75 coyote hides, 29 bob cat hides and one otter. The bounty represented by this load was quite a sum and with the excellent prices paid for the fur it showed this was quite an industry in this country during the winter months and quite profitable, too.

SOLDIER BOY TAKES BRIDE.

William Watson, one of Harney county's young men who went to a training camp in preparation to going over to help settle the dispute with the kaiser, came over from his home at Diamond last Monday in company with his mother and John Porter, another returned soldier, and Miss Bertha Schaper. He secured the services of Rev. B. S. Hughes of the Presbyterian church, who in the presence of the mother and soldier friend made Mr. Watson and Miss Schaper man and wife, using the impressive and beautiful ring ceremony. The bridal party stood under a bower of mistletoe in the manse to take their vows and were sent on their way with the blessing of the minister and the groom's mother.

The bride is a well known young lady who resided in this city for a number of years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Schaper, highly respected residents of the Diamond country. She is a charming young lady with many admirers and friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Watson will make their home on the Diamond ranch of the Eastern Oregon Live Stock Co. for the present where he has a position. The Times-Herald joins the many friends in extending best wishes.

Congress piling up legislation for President Wilson's signature suggests to us a baker making pies and setting them aside until the oven can come home and bake them.

THAT GROUNDHOG STORY.

What do you really believe about the groundhog coming out on February 2nd to look for his shadow? Is it just a superstition and does it apply in all latitudes, altitudes and countries?

We can recall how our grandmother, who was a good old Virginia-born lady, insisted that if a groundhog came out of his hole on February 2nd and saw his shadow he would be sure to return and remain "holed up" for another six weeks. If he failed to see his shadow he remained out and it was an indication that spring had come and the gardener could prepare to get busy.

Some question as to the exact day has arisen in recent years among the younger generation who are not up on such signs.

For instance, Thursday during the big snow storm the telephone in this office rang and upon answering it we were greeted by the voice of a farmer friend who asked in all seriousness (apparently) what day the groundhog came out to look for his shadow and upon our replying February second he very promptly told us we were mistaken. At any rate he had seen one out on the third.

Robt. Baker really saw a groundhog out on the third of this month at his home up the river.

Now what are the scoffers going to say about "nigger superstition"?

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

The Germans' polite farewell to Belgium consisted of the blowing up of twenty-seven steel mills. They are altogether too handy with explosives.

The National Drill for the people at home these last two years has been simple Take—Pocketbook Open—Pocketbook. Extract—Dollars. Pay—Taxes.

And now the king of Montenegro has been deposed. Europe will certainly soon need to found an asylum for its former kings and ex-emperors.

When our neighbors across the way get their houses in order we shall be all right, unless our neighbor on the south begins to throw bricks over the fence.

A man who holds Liberty bonds would not usually be pointed out as a "bloated bondholder." In fact he has usually grown rather thin in his efforts to pay for the bonds.

The Irish Republic, prompt and ready, is peeping out behind the curtain, waiting for her cue. But England may be prompt, in which case the cue will not come at all.

During the war the prices of food increased 83 per cent and the price of clothing 93 per cent. How proud we should be that our abilities were sufficient both to cloth and feed us during the time.

The question whether the American girl or the French girl is more delightful continues to be argued, pro and con. Why not admit that each is the sweetest girl in the world and let it go at that?

The price of butter and the price of eggs are seeing which can roll down hill faster—and the spectators are applauding the stunt.

Germany still seems to have a large supply of propaganda on hand, yet she has not been at all economical of it for the past few years.

Princess Patricia of Connaught, about to marry for love, has folded up her title of princess, tied a blue ribbon about it and laid it away in the royal storehouse to await the next claimant. She will take her husband's name and title. "All for love and the world well lost," Princess Pat!

Since the Germans have no one else to fight they seem to revel in fighting among themselves. Let us hope that they get enough of this poor idea of theirs that a nation is not in the limelight or popular unless it has constantly before its face the sword of hatred.

The only question that seems reasonable is the one that asks why they did not start a private war in the first place and leave the rest of the world out of it. It would have been better for all nations concerned and for the reputation of Germany—if she has such a thing.

HASTEN RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE NEW HIGHWAY

County Court Secures Service Attorney and Orders Settlement of Cases Where Land Owners Do Not Come to Terms.

From the action taken by county court at the term held in the present week in securing special legal representative to after the right of way for the highway between this city and Crane would indicate that active work expected on this road in the immediate future.

According to information, the right of way has been given by land owners while they have neglected to state their intentions in the matter, leaving it in shape as will require further litigation. The order making Mr. McConnell the right of way attorney it is expected that he take immediate action to condemnation proceedings in cases as do not comply at once some manner of granting the right to pass over their lands.

It is not the intention of the court to be arbitrary in this matter but it is important that the right way be secured in order not to delay the construction work which is expected to begin just as early in spring as conditions will permit.

Wants All Lands Embraced

A copy of a telegram sent by McConnell was given The Times-Herald last Saturday night. It is to the effect that he would favor one irrigation district plan project included all the land and the signatures of the large land owners were attached to the petition before it was filed.

The petition was filed before the names were secured as there was time to await for their approval those who were not within reach of the committee, it being considered important that the petition be filed for consideration at the March term of the County Court. Just what fact this is going to have on McConnell's attitude toward the district scheme is therefore not known since that gentleman has not returned to Burns. However, it seems to be generally agreed that the one district plan is the best and that it will meet with approval of those interested. They are the ones who will finally settle the matter at a rate and since that is the case shall await the outcome.

Emmett Parker, another one of Harney county boys who was at Camp Lewis, arrived home last night and told The Times-Herald that Bu Miller, Roy Clark, Charley Spence, Roy McDuffy and the others of the "bunch" should be here tonight.

A gas mask is something that can gladly spare from the world's commodities. It is one article that is neither beautiful nor becoming.

Mrs. G. W. Clevenger underwent a delicate and severe operation last Thursday at the Haines hospital, performed by Dr. Smith, assisted by Dr. Geary. The patient has been in a long period and came from the operating table with the hope of relief.

Superintendent O. L. Babcock of the Warm Springs Indian Agency writes that he will be in Burns for the week beginning Feb. 17, at which time he will take up all matters pertaining to the Indian lands in the county. He will be prepared to execute leases wherever desired, and will negotiate the right of way for the highway over some five tracts of Indian lands.

Died—Last Monday, Feb. 3rd Francis Lavon Haney, little daughter of Mrs. Chester Carter. The little girl had been ill with influenza for a week which developed into pneumonia. The funeral was conducted the following day by Rev. George Ward of the Nazarene church. The little girl is survived by her father and mother, a brother and one sister. Her father is a resident of Billings, Montana but was notified of her serious illness and reached her bedside before her death. "Bonnie," as she was affectionately known to her little friends and playmates, was ten years old. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the people of this community.

